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09/921,337In the Specification:*Page 1, line 1, amend the Title of the Invention to read as follows:*

MECHANISM FOR MANAGING MULTICAST GROUPS

Page 1, last paragraph, change the paragraph to include spacing between wording to allow clear representation of statements:

The IP multicast is defined as a function of simultaneously distributing information to a multicast group into which transmission target destinations (addresses) are grouped by making use of multicast addresses. Generally, the IP multicast is used for distributing the data to a multiplicity of (specified) clients from a center system by a push type information distribution (push technology). For instance, in-office divisions are linked via an Intranet, and information given from a certain division is multicast via the Intranet to a plurality of other divisions from a center system (a transmission center).

Page 7, paragraph 3, change to read as follows:

The ~~input device 13~~ input device 3 is constructed of a keyboard and a pointing device and used for an operator (center operator) to input data and commands. The pointing device is, for example, a mouse, a trackball, a joystick and a flat point.

Page 7, last paragraph, change to read as follows:

The display 4 involves the use of, e.g., a CRT, an LCD, a plasma display etc. The display 4 displays the data and the commands inputted by the ~~input device 13~~ input device 3, and also a result of executing the program by the CPU 1.

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Page 8, last paragraph, change the paragraph to include spacing between wording to allow clear representation of statements:

Referring to FIG. 3, the client A may be defined as a computer including a CPU 11, a memory 12, an input device 13, a display 14, a communication interface (I/F) 15 and a secondary storage unit 16, which are connected to each other via a bus B2.

Page 10, paragraph 3, change the paragraph to include spacing between wording to allow clear representation of statements:

When the center system S receives the multicasting request, an authentication process is executed between the center system S and the client D (step S3). Namely, the center system S transmits to the client D an input interface for inputting pieces of authentication information such as user's ID, a user's password, a division to which the user belongs, and so on. The input interface is displayed on the display 14 of the client D. The user of the client D inputs the authentication information such as the user's ID, the user's password, etc by use of the input interface. Then, the CPU 11 transmits the inputted authentication information such as the user's ID, the user's password etc to the center system S. The center system S executes a process of collating the authentication information received from the client D by use of collation information stored in the secondary storage unit 6.